

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 and reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 17, 19, 21-26, 28-34, 36-42, 44-50 and 52-57 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the time and effort taken by the Examiner during the Examiner Interview on April 26, 2006 regarding the above-identified application. During that interview, the art grounds of rejection of claims 17-19 and 21-57 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Okada (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0046328 and alternatively WO 00/42515), and Okada (U.S. Patent No. 6,181,870) and further in view of Kikucki (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,523) was discussed.

During the interview, it was agreed that the Examiner was interpreting Applicants' recitation of multiple reproduction paths on Kikucki's teaching of reproduction in the forward and reverse directions. Specifically, Kikucki teaches using the same data during forward and reverse reproduction, and the Examiner agreed that he was interpreting the reproduction of this data in the forward direction as one reproduction path, and the reproduction of this data in the reverse direction as a second reproduction path.

During the interview, Applicants explained that the reproduction paths in the present invention were different reproduction paths, and were represented by different video data, not the same video data as taught by Kikucki. After further discussion on this point, Applicants agreed to amend

the independent claims of the present application by, for example, incorporating limitations of dependent claims in order to clarify this distinction over the Examiner's art grounds of rejection. Accordingly, by this Amendment, independent claims 17, 26, 34, 42 and 50 have been amended to recite that the "different reproduction paths represent different video data," and "each third navigation unit is associated with a different one of the reproduction paths and indicates a separate file of video data in the data area to reproduce."

In view of the above, Applicants believe they have clarified the distinction of the present invention over the art cited by the Examiner as agreed during the Examiner Interview. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the art grounds of rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of above remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at number listed below.

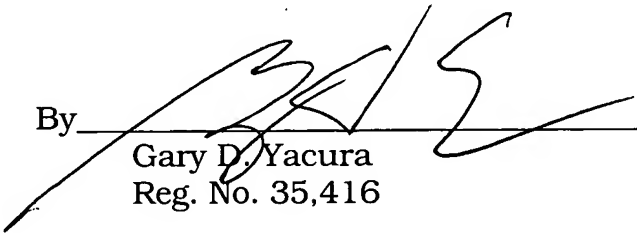
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$450.00 is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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